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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please add the following new paragraphs at page 2, line 1:

– In an embodiment of the present invention, an air mattress is provided. The air mattress comprises a mattress pad, a back support to raise a part of the mattress pad, and an air pump assembly built into the mattress pad to inflate the mattress pad and the back support.

In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the back support has a V-shaped cross-section. In another preferred embodiment of the invention, the back support comprises a flexible chamber and a holding element binding the flexible chamber. In this embodiment, the back support may further comprise a frame firmly fixed to the flexible chamber and rotatably connected to the mattress pad for collapsing the flexible chamber. At least one slider may be mounted on the frame, via which the frame slides on the ground. In yet another preferred embodiment of the invention, the back support comprises a flexible chamber, a holding element binding the flexible chamber, and at least two frames hinged together, with the flexible chamber sandwiched therebetween.

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